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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of November, 1981)

The total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during November has declined for the second consecutive month. According to the most recent monthly survey by the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the November total was 733, reflecting a decrease of eight land crews from the previous month.

The November total (733) represents a decrease of 1% from last month, a 28% increase over November, 1980, a 67% increase over November, 1979, a 99% increase over November, 1978, a 119% increase over November, 1977, a 167% increase over November, 1976, and a gain of 177% over the same month in 1975.

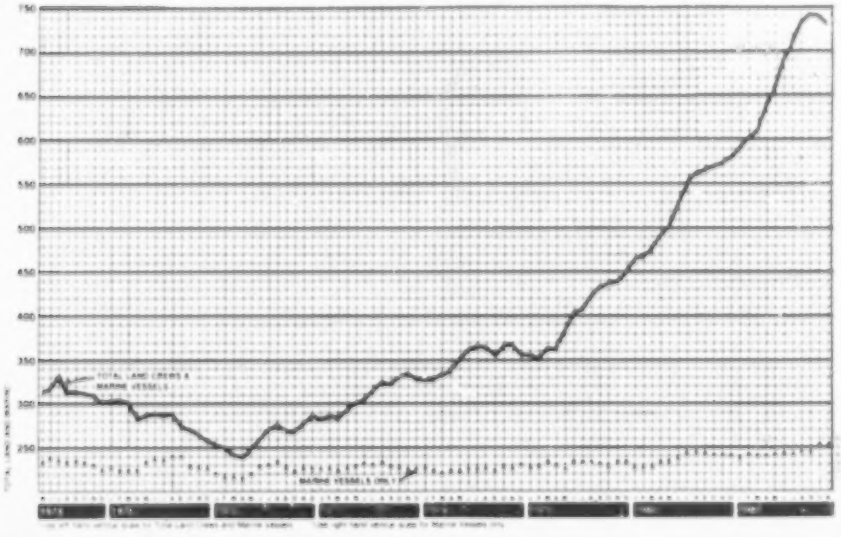
During November, eight contractors were operating twenty-three of their 638 land crews and two of their forty-five vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Nov.'80	Nov.'79	Nov.'78	Nov.'77	Nov'76	Nov.'75
	733	741	572	439	369	335	275	265

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1977	Nov. 1976	Nov. 1975	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1978	Nov. 1977	Nov. 1976	Nov. 1975
97 Contr's:	638	646	491	369	304	274	216	199	45	44	33	25	22	21	19	22
10 Oil Co's:	43	43	40	39	38	35	34	39	7	7	7	4	5	5	6	5
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	0	1	1	2	0	0	--	--
Totals:	681	689	531	408	342	309	250	238	52	52	41	31	27	26	25	27

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



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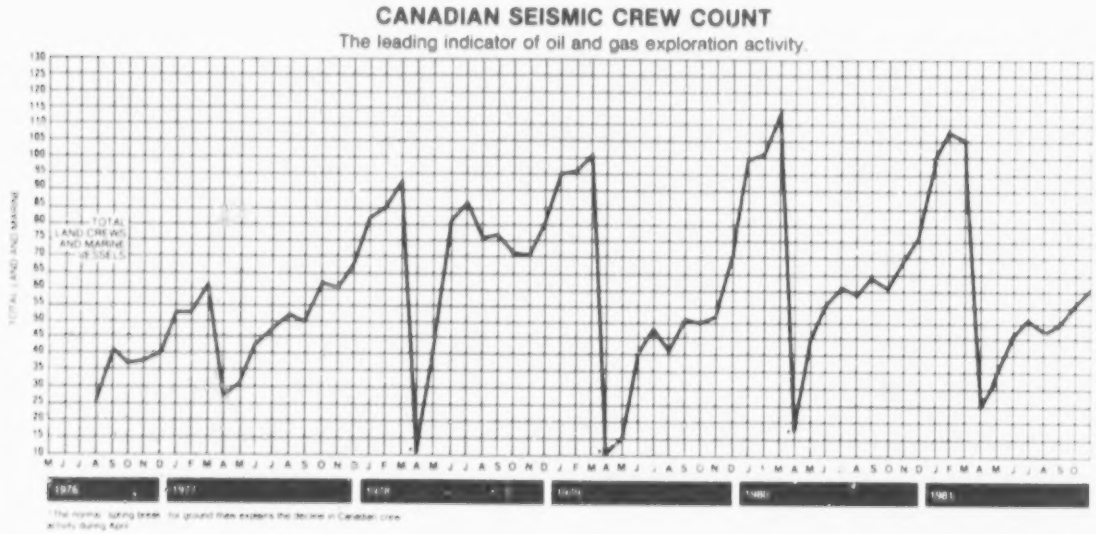
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

November, 1981 (October figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
21 Contractors:	52 (47)	5 (5)
3 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	56 (51)	5 (5)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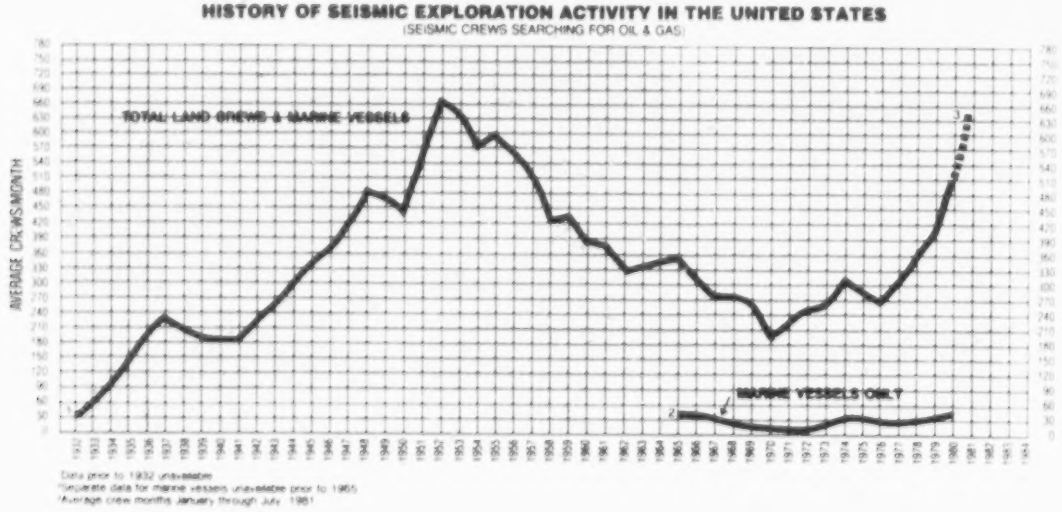
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of December, 1981)

During December, the total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters declined by thirty, representing the largest single-month decline since the inception of the survey in May, 1974. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' monthly report, the December total was 703 crews and vessels, compared with 733 in November.

The December total (703) represents a decrease of 4% over last month, a 38% increase over December, 1980, a 56% increase over December, 1979, a 96% increase over December, 1978, a 114% increase over December, 1977, a 146% increase over December, 1976, and a gain of 171% over the same month in 1975.

During December, ten contractors were operating thirty-two of their 613 land crews and one of their thirty-nine vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Dec.'80	Dec.'79	Dec.'78	Dec.'77	Dec.'76	Dec.'75
	703	733	580	450	358	329	286	259

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1977	Dec. 1976	Dec. 1975	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Dec. 1980	Dec. 1979	Dec. 1978	Dec. 1977	Dec. 1976	Dec. 1975
95 Contr's:	613	638	500	380	290	268	225	194	39	45	34	25	23	21	22	20
10 Oil Co's:	43	43	40	39	38	35	34	39	8	7	6	4	7	5	5	6
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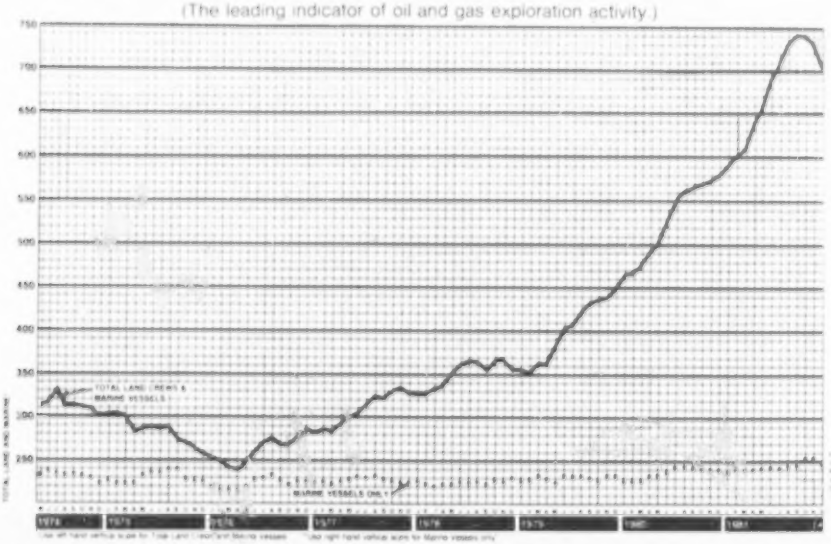
Totals:	656	681	540	419	328	303	259	233	47	52	40	31	30	26	27	26

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



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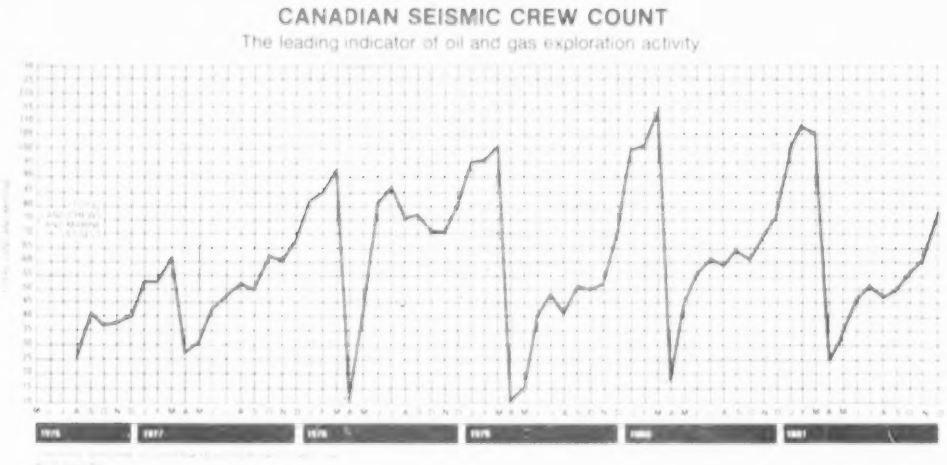
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

December, 1981 (November figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
25 Contractors:	71 (52)	5 (5)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	74 (56)	5 (5)



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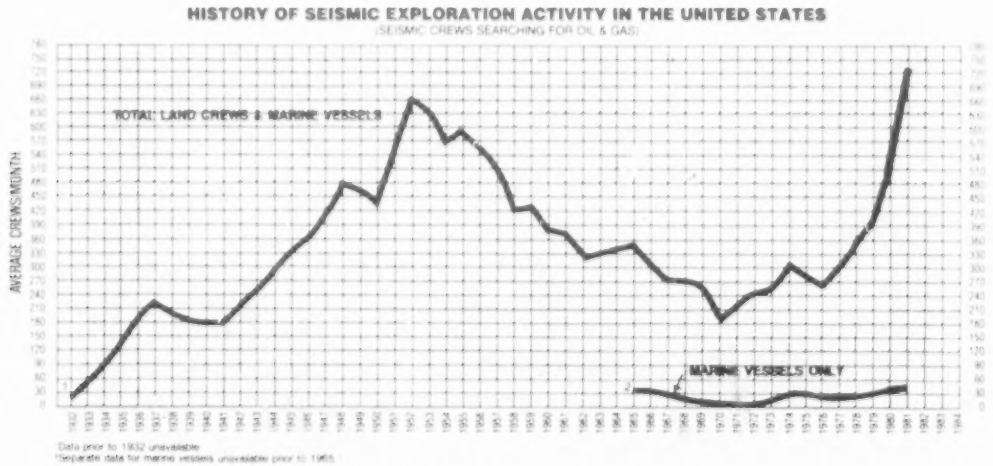
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of January, 1982)

The total number of land seismic crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during January has declined for the fourth consecutive month. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' monthly report, the January total was 695 crews and vessels, compared with 703 in December.

The January total (695) represents a decrease of 1% over last month, an 18% increase over January, 1981, a 48% increase over January, 1980, a 96% increase over January, 1979, a 112% increase over January, 1978, a 148% increase over January, 1977, and a gain of 176% over the same month in 1976.

During January, nine contractors were operating twenty-eight of the 599 land crews and one of the forty-six vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Jan.'81	Jan.'80	Jan.'79	Jan.'78	Jan.'77	Jan.'76
	695	703	591	468	355	328	280	252

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	Jan. 1977	Jan. 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Jan. 1981	Jan. 1980	Jan. 1979	Jan. 1978	Jan. 1977	Jan. 1976
96 Contr's:	599	613	513	400	290	267	220	194	46	39	32	24	21	20	20	15
9 Oil Co's:	43	43	40	39	37	35	34	38	7	8	6	5	7	6	6	5
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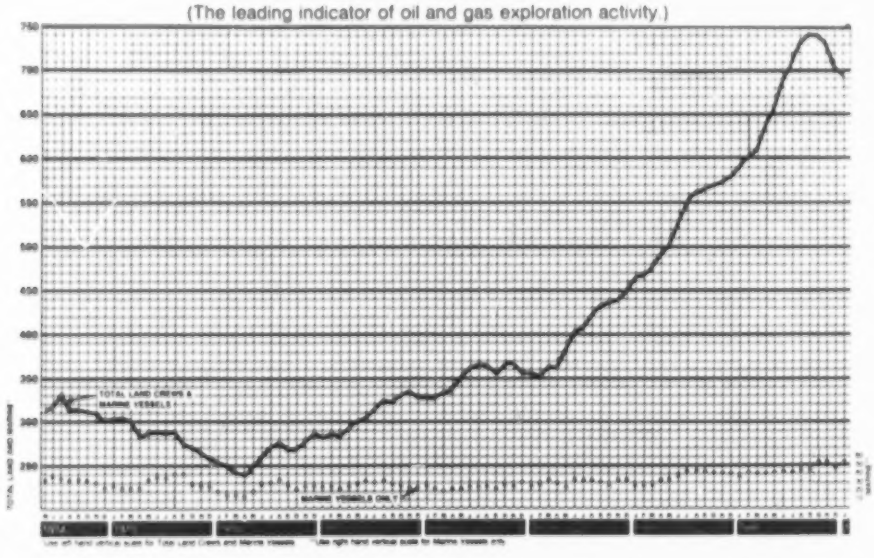
Totals:	642	656	553	439	327	302	254	232	53	47	38	29	28	26	26	20

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



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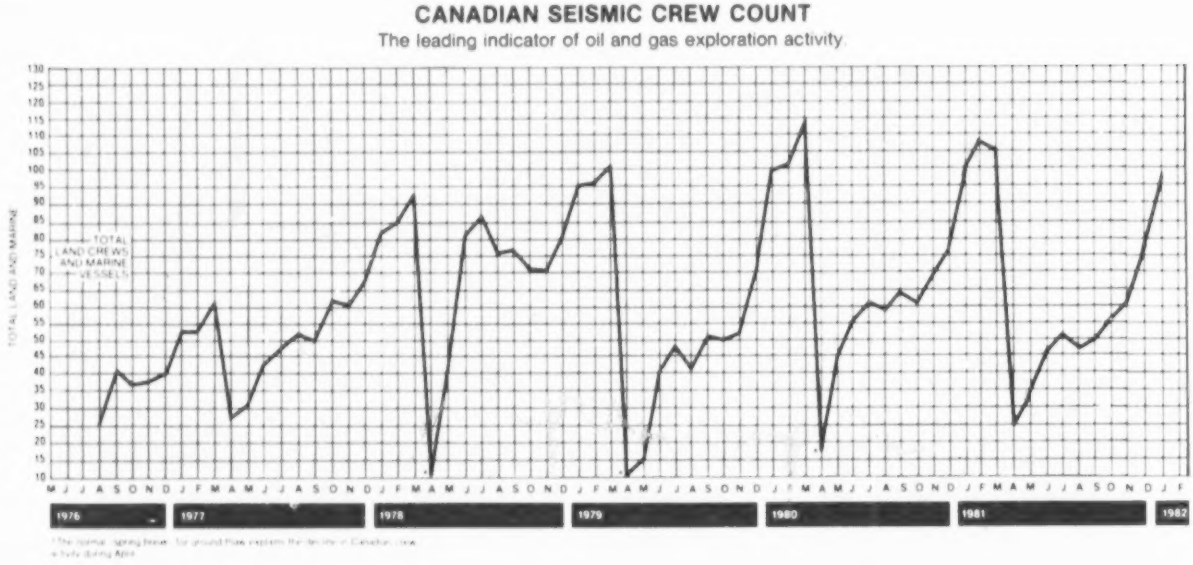
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

January, 1982 (December, 1981, figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
25 Contractors:	91 (71)	4 (5)
3 Oil Companies:	4 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	95 (74)	4 (5)



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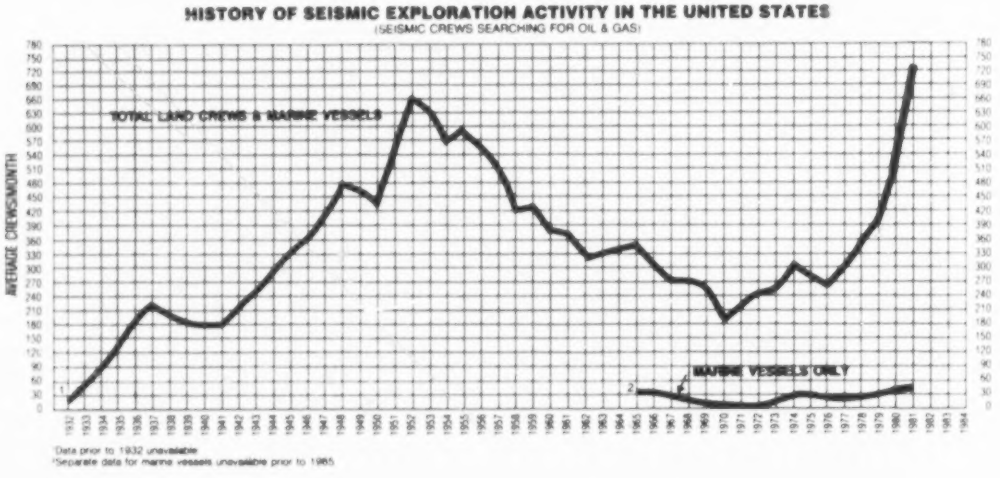
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of February, 1982)

During February, the total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters declined by seventeen land crews. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report, the February total was 678 land crews and marine vessels, compared with 695 in January.

The February total (678) represents a decrease of 2% over last month, a 13% increase over February, 1981, a 45% increase over February, 1980, a 94% increase over February, 1979, a 107% increase over February, 1978, a 137% increase over February, 1977, and a gain of 172% over the same month in 1976.

During February, seven contractors were operating nineteen of the 582 land crews and one of the forty-six vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Feb.'81	Feb.'80	Feb.'79	Feb.'78	Feb.'77	Feb.'76
	678	695	602	469	350	328	286	249

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1978	Feb. 1977	Feb. 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980	Feb. 1979	Feb. 1978	Feb. 1977	Feb. 1976
91 Contr's:	582	599	520	401	284	270	225	194	46	46	34	24	22	18	21	12
9 Oil Co's:	43	43	41	39	37	35	34	38	7	7	7	5	7	5	6	5
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Totals:	625	642	561	440	321	305	259	232	53	53	41	29	29	23	27	17

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

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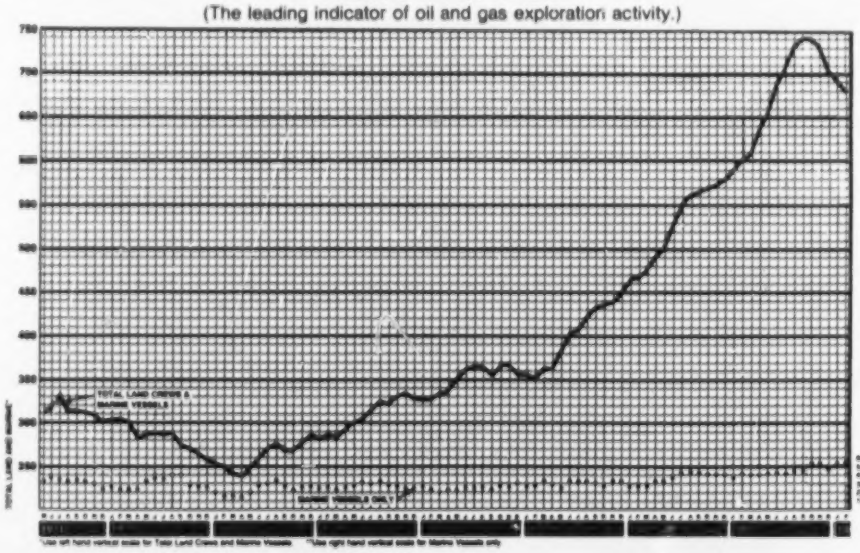

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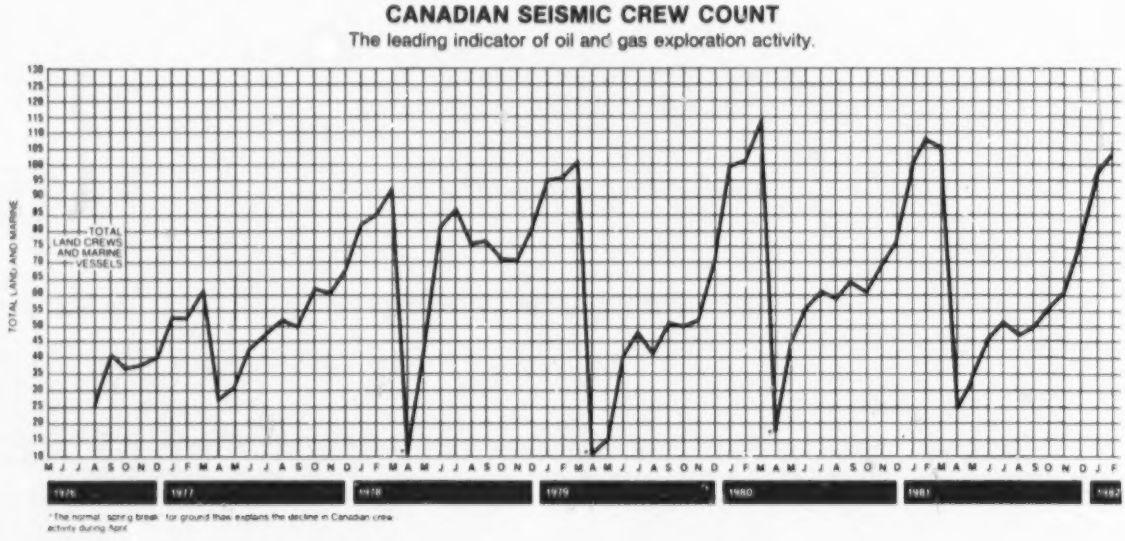
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

February, 1982 (January figures in parentheses):

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
27 Contractors:	97 (91)	3 (4)
4 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	101 (95)	3 (4)



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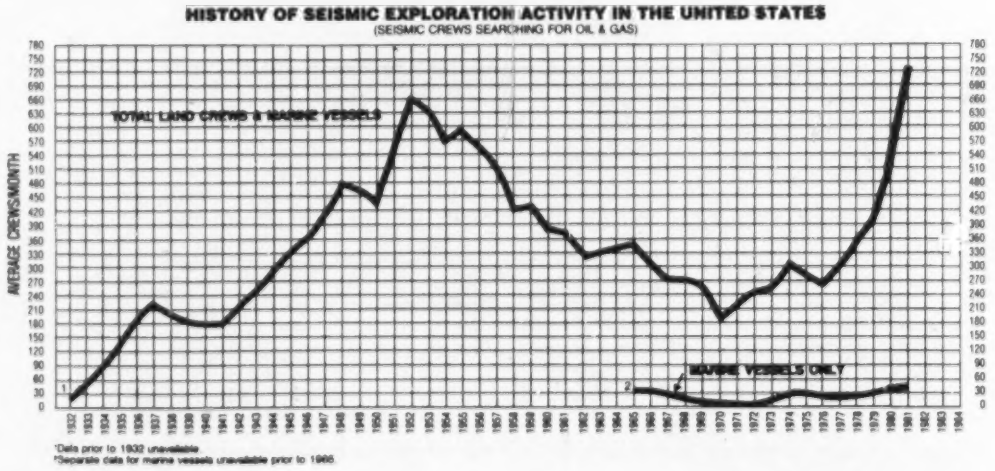
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of March, 1982)

The total number of land seismic crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during March declined by twenty-eight land crews and one marine vessel. A portion of the decline was due to poor weather conditions in some operating areas. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report, the March total was 649, compared with 678 in February.

The March total (649) represents a decrease of 4% over last month, a 6% increase over March, 1981, a 36% increase over March, 1980, a 78% increase over March, 1979, a 94% increase over March, 1978, a 130% increase over March, 1977, and a gain of 170% over the same month in 1976.

During March, eleven contractors were operating twenty-two of the 554 land crews and four of the forty-five vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Mar.'81	Mar.'80	Mar.'79	Mar.'78	Mar.'77	Mar.'76
	649	678	610	477	364	334	282	240

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1978	Mar. 1977	Mar. 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979	Mar. 1978	Mar. 1977	Mar. 1976
91 Contr's:	554	582	529	409	295	278	226	184	45	46	33	23	24	15	17	14
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Totals:	597	625	570	448	332	314	260	222	52	53	40	29	32	20	22	18

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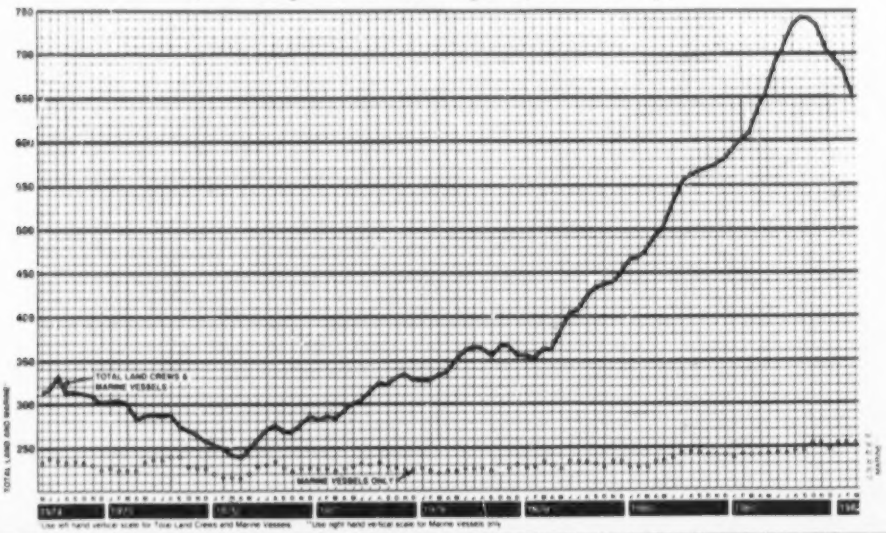

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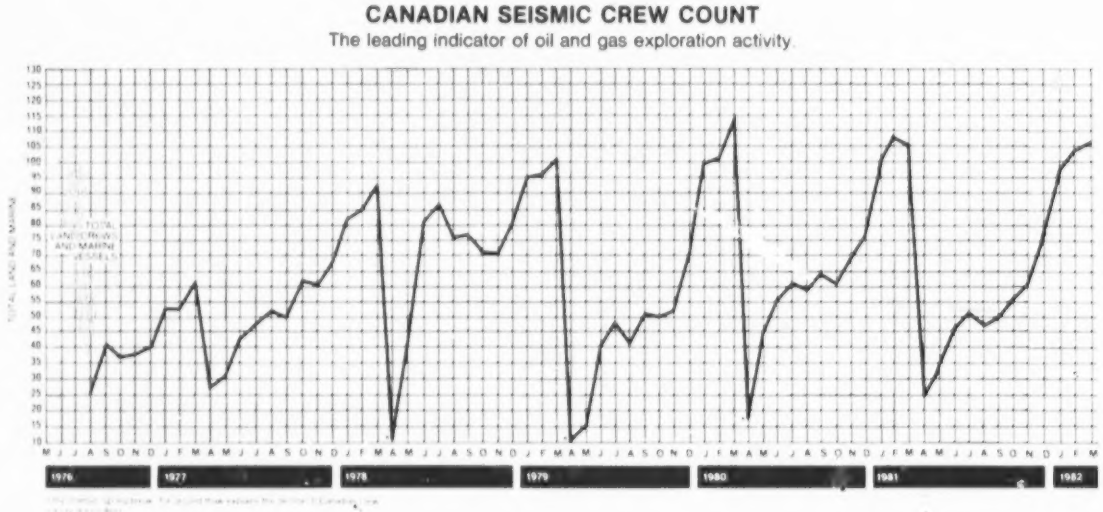
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

March, 1982 (February figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
27 Contractors:	100 (97)	2 (3)
3 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	104 (101)	2 (3)



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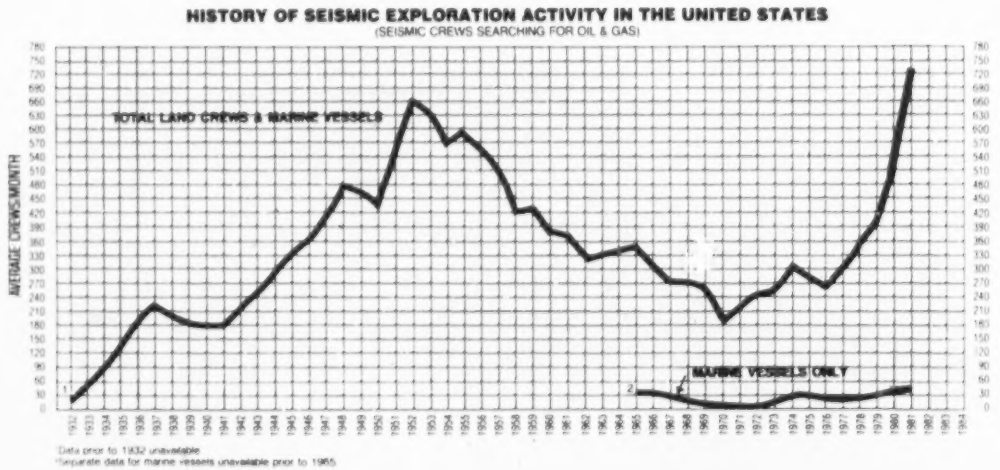
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of April, 1982)

During April, the total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters declined by twenty-three crews and vessels. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report, the April total was 626, down twenty-six land crews but up three marine vessels from March.

The April total (626) represents a decrease of 4% over last month, a 3% decrease over April, 1981, a 26% increase over April, 1980, a 74% increase over April, 1979, an 83% increase over April, 1978, a 114% increase over April, 1977, and a gain of 163% over the same month in 1976.

During April, twelve contractors were operating twenty-nine of the 528 land crews and six of the forty-eight vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Apr.'81	Apr.'80	Apr.'79	Apr.'78	Apr.'77	Apr.'76
	626	649	645	496	360	342	292	238

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Apr. 1981	Apr. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1977	Apr. 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Apr. 1981	Apr. 1980	Apr. 1979	Apr. 1978	Apr. 1977	Apr. 1976
92 Contr's:	528	554	564	426	293	285	232	183	48	45	32	25	22	16	21	13
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SEISMIC CREW COUNT

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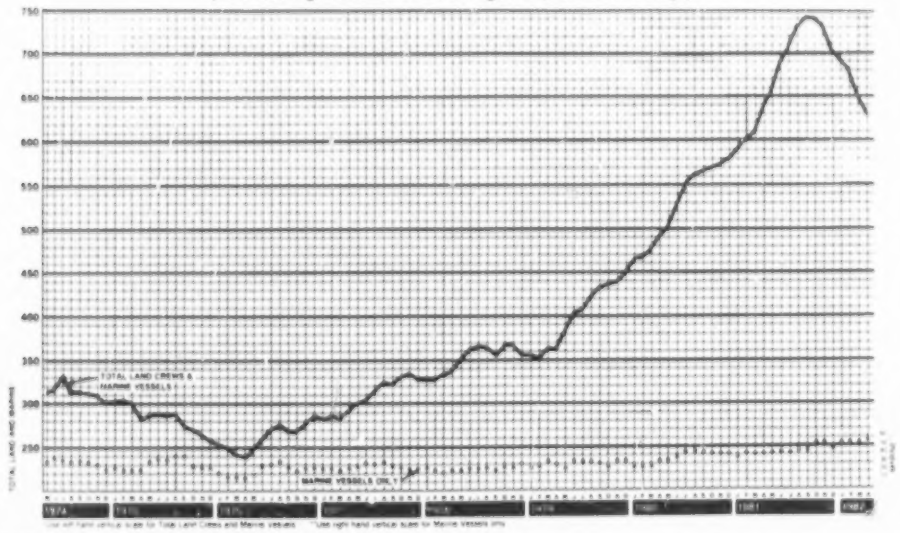

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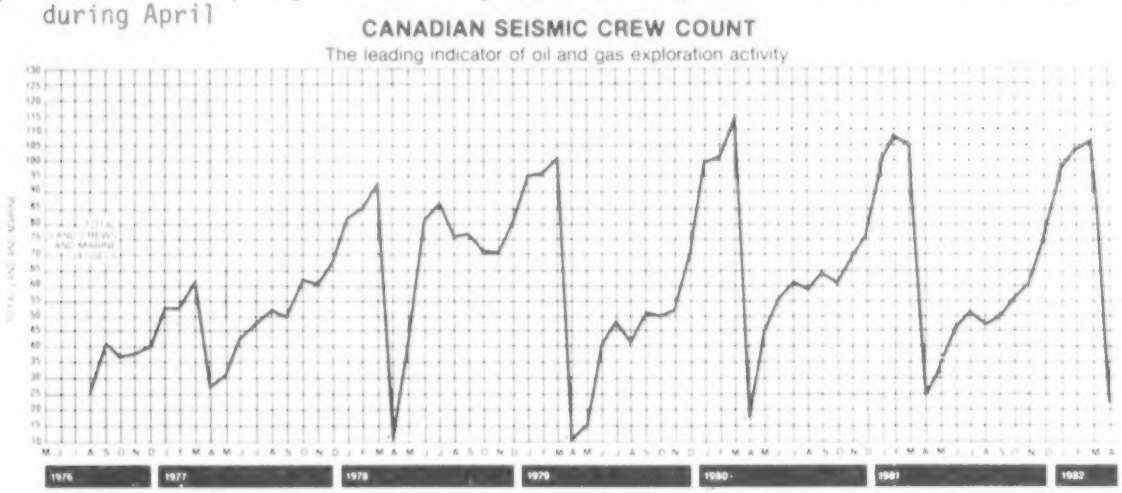
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

April, 1982 (March figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
9 Contractors:	19 (101)	3 (2)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	19 (104)	3 (2)

Note: The normal "spring break" for ground thaw explains the decline in Canadian crew activity during April



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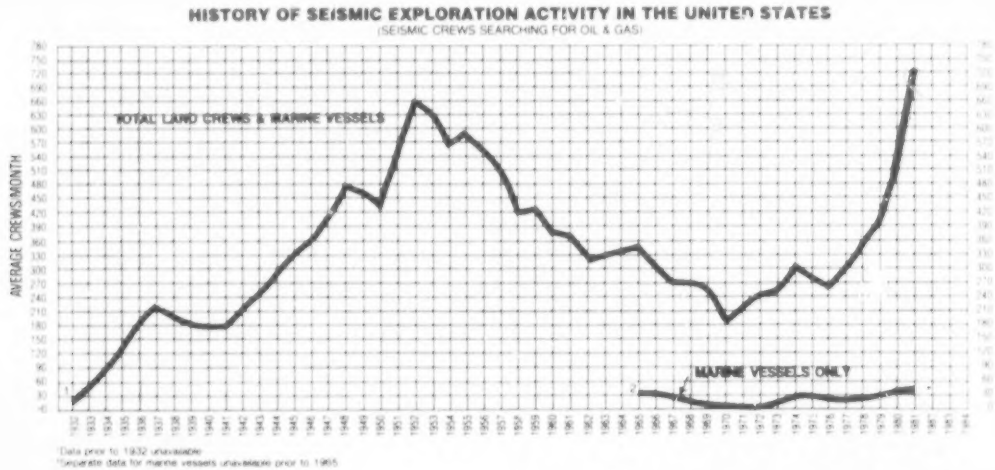
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of May, 1982)

The total number of land seismic crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during May declined by twenty land crews, but registered an increase of six vessels, for a net decrease of fourteen. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report, the May total was 612, compared with 626 in April.

The May total (612) represents a decrease of 2% from last month, a 7% decrease from May, 1981, a 22% increase over May, 1980, a 60% increase over May, 1979, a 74% increase over May, 1978, a 103% increase over May, 1977, and a gain of 148% over the same month in 1976.

During May, thirteen contractors were operating twenty-six of the 508 land crews and three of the fifty-three vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	May '81	May '80	May '79	May '78	May '77	May '76
	612	626	661	502	383	351	301	247

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	May 1981	May 1980	May 1979	May 1978	May 1977	May 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	May 1981	May 1980	May 1979	May 1978	May 1977	May 1976
89 Contr's:	508	528	578	429	317	294	238	190	53	48	34	28	21	15	23	16
9 Oil Co's:	43	43	41	39	38	36	34	36	8	7	7	6	6	5	5	5
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Totals:	551	571	619	468	355	330	272	226	61	55	42	34	28	21	29	21

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

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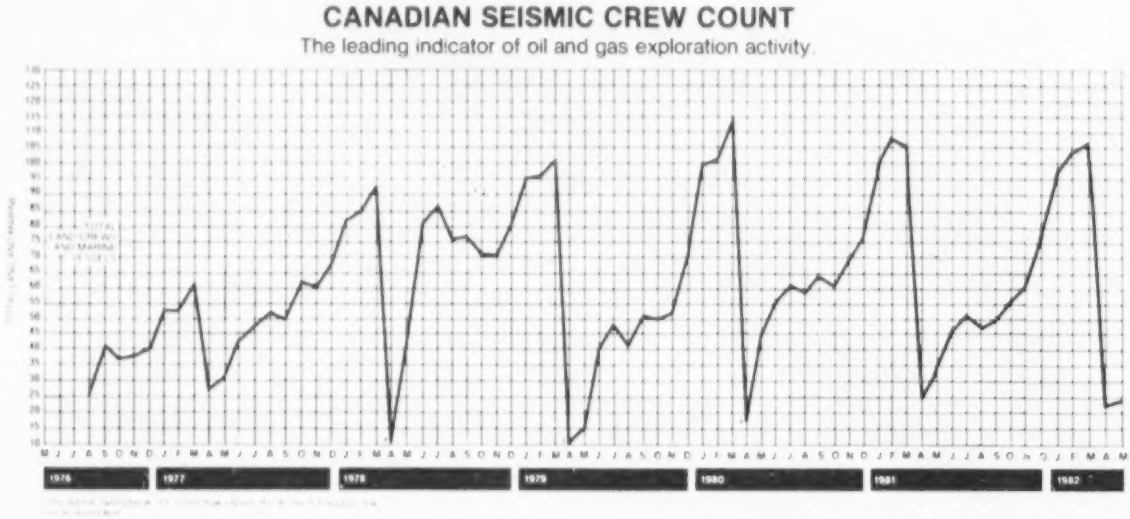
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

May, 1982 (April figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
12 Contractors:	18 (19)	3 (3)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	21 (19)	3 (3)



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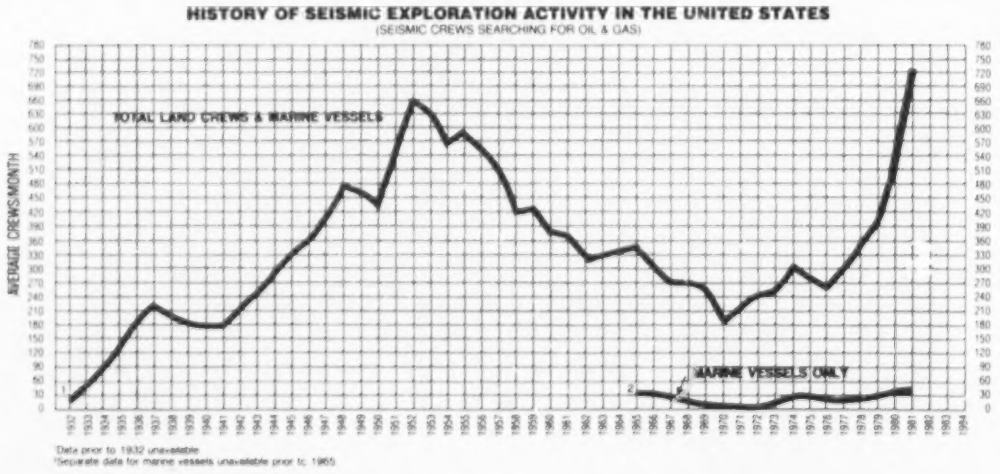
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of June, 1982)

For the first time since September, 1981, the total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters has recorded an increase. The total number of land crews and vessels operating during June was 615, compared with 612 in May. The Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report indicates the land crew total declined but was offset by an increase in marine vessels. The 69 vessels operating in June represent the largest number since the inception of the survey in May, 1974.

The June total (615) represents an increase of one half of one percent over last month, a 12% decrease from June, 1981, a 15% increase over June, 1980, a 52% increase over June, 1979, a 70% increase over June, 1978, a 102% increase over June, 1977, and a gain of 138% over the same month in 1976.

During June, seventeen contractors were operating thirty-three of the 503 land crews and seven of the sixty-two vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	June'81	June'80	June'79	June'78	June'77	June'76
	615	612	696	535	404	362	305	258

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	June 1981	June 1980	June 1979	June 1978	June 1977	June 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	June 1981	June 1980	June 1979	June 1978	June 1977	June 1976
92 Contr's:	503	508	610	457	333	300	240	193	62	53	37	32	26	20	24	26
9 Oil Co's:	43	43	42	39	39	36	34	36	7	8	6	6	5	5	6	3
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	--
Totals:	546	551	652	496	372	336	274	229	69	61	44	39	32	26	31	29

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

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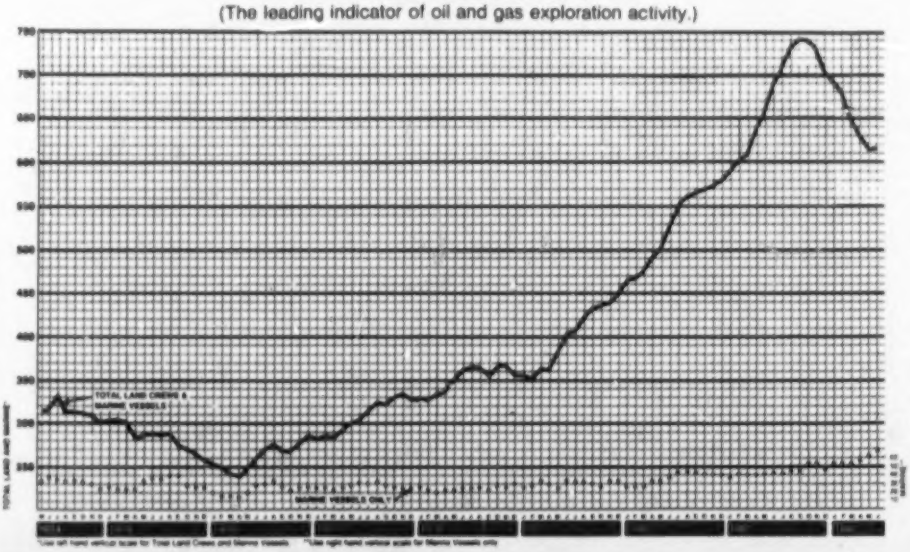

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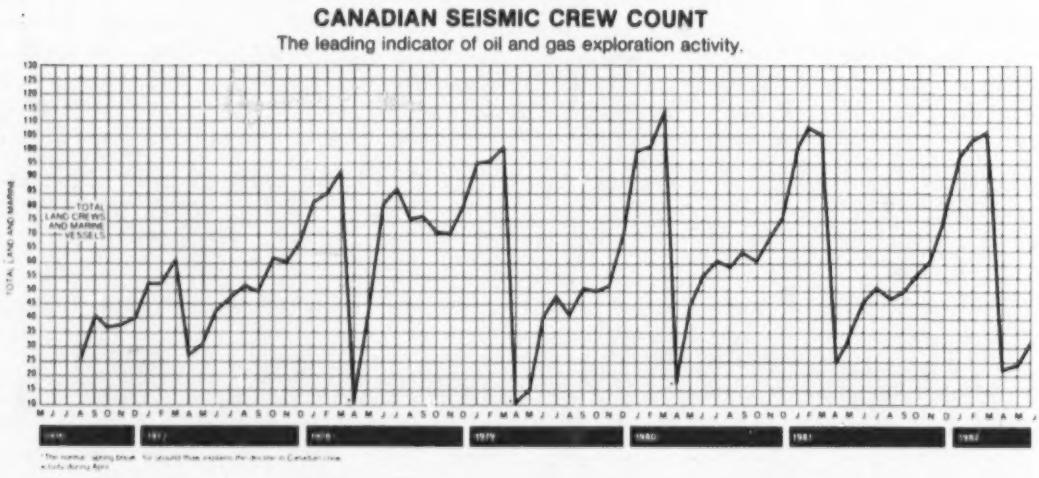
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

June, 1982 (May figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
16 Contractors:	24 (18)	5 (3)
3 Oil Companies:	4 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	28 (21)	5 (3)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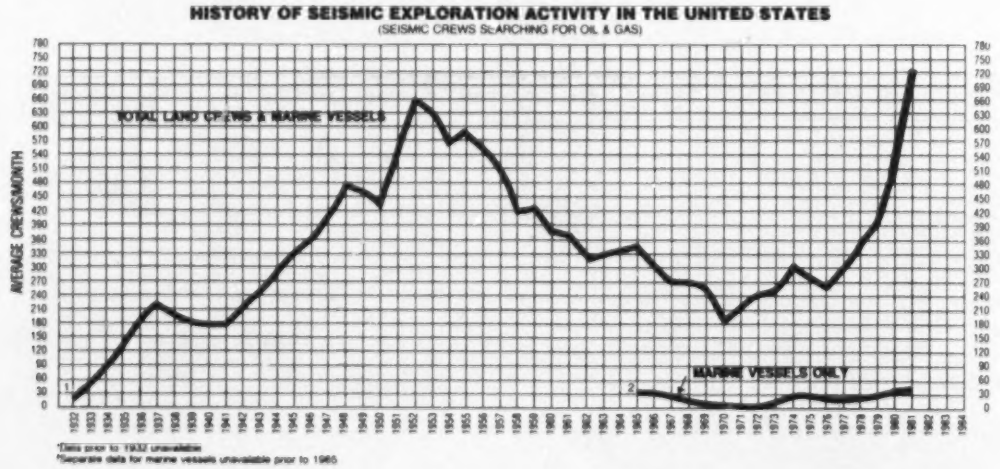
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of July, 1982)

The total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during July declined by nineteen land crews and three vessels during the last thirty days. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report, the July total was 593, compared with 615 in June.

The July total (593) represents a decrease of 4% from last month, a 17% decrease from July, 1981, a 7% increase over July, 1980, a 46% increase over July, 1979, a 62% increase over July, 1978, an 88% increase over July, 1977, and a gain of 120% over the same month in 1976

During July, eleven contractors were operating twenty-six of the 484 land crews and eight of the fifty-eight vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 593	Last Month 615	July'81 711	July'80 556	July'79 407	July'78 367	July'77 315	July'76 270

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	July 1981	July 1980	July 1979	July 1978	July 1977	July 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	July 1981	July 1980	July 1979	July 1978	July 1977	July 1976
92 Contr's:	484	503	625	475	337	303	250	204	58	62	36	35	26	21	23	25
9 Oil Co's:	43	43	43	39	39	38	35	36	7	7	6	6	4	4	6	5
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	--
Totals:	527	546	668	514	376	341	285	240	66	69	43	42	31	26	30	30

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

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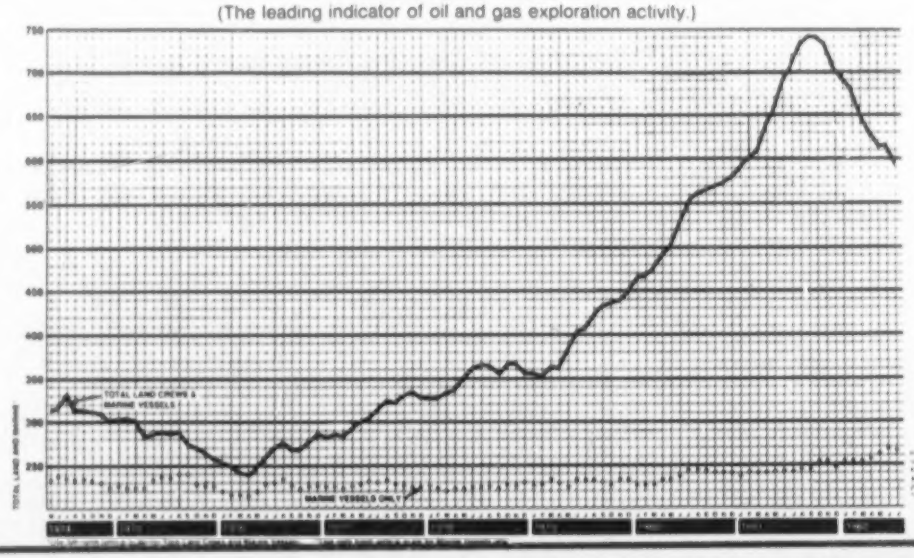

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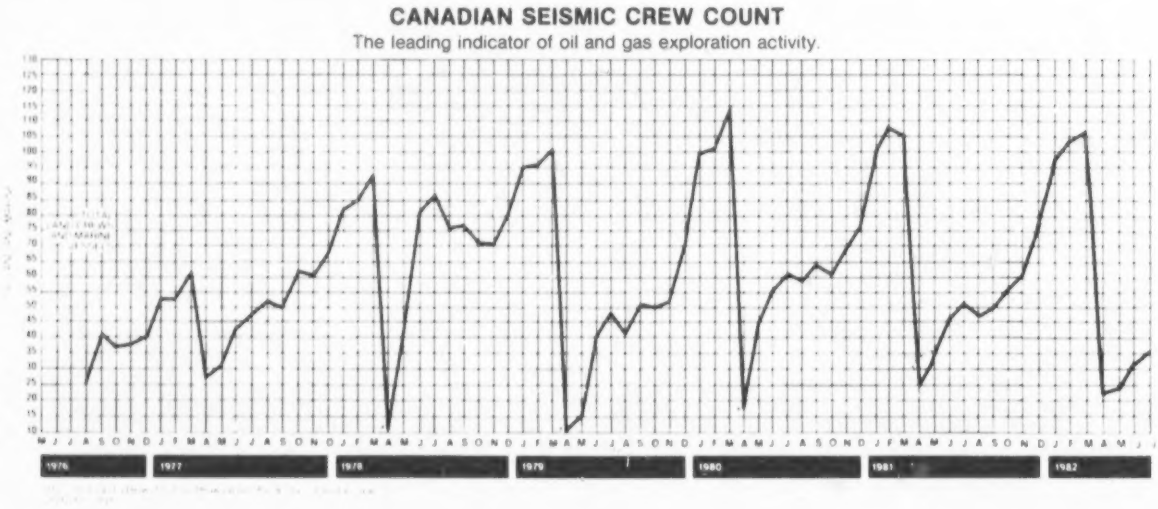
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

July, 1982 (June figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
15 Contractors:	27 (24)	5 (5)
3 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	31 (28)	5 (5)



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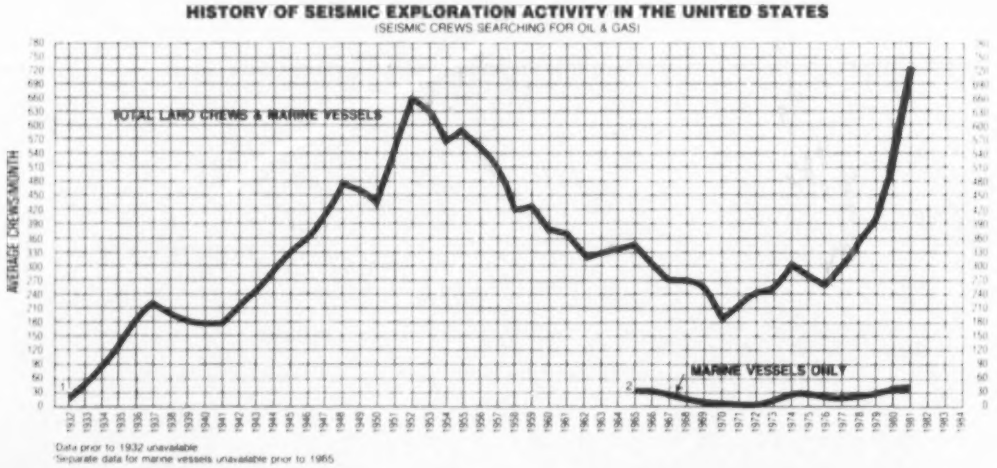
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of August, 1982)

During August, the total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters declined by thirty-one. According to the latest monthly report from the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, the August total was 562, down twenty-seven land crews and four marine vessels since July.

The August total (562) represents a decrease of 5% from last month, a 24% decrease from August, 1981, a 1% decrease over August, 1980, a 33% increase over August, 1979, a 54% increase over August, 1978, a 72% increase over August, 1977, and a gain of 104% over the same month in 1976.

During August, thirteen contractors were operating thirty-two of the 458 land crews and eleven of the fifty-four vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 562	Last Month 593	Aug.'81 735	Aug.'80 565	Aug.'79 424	Aug'78 365	Aug.'77 326	Aug'76 275

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1977	Aug. 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Aug. 1981	Aug. 1980	Aug. 1979	Aug. 1978	Aug. 1977	Aug. 1976
86 Contr's:	458	484	646	482	354	301	261	208	54	58	39	36	25	22	25	28
9 Oil Co's:	42	43	43	39	39	37	34	34	7	7	6	7	5	4	5	5
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Totals:	500	527	689	521	393	338	295	242	62	66	46	44	31	27	31	33

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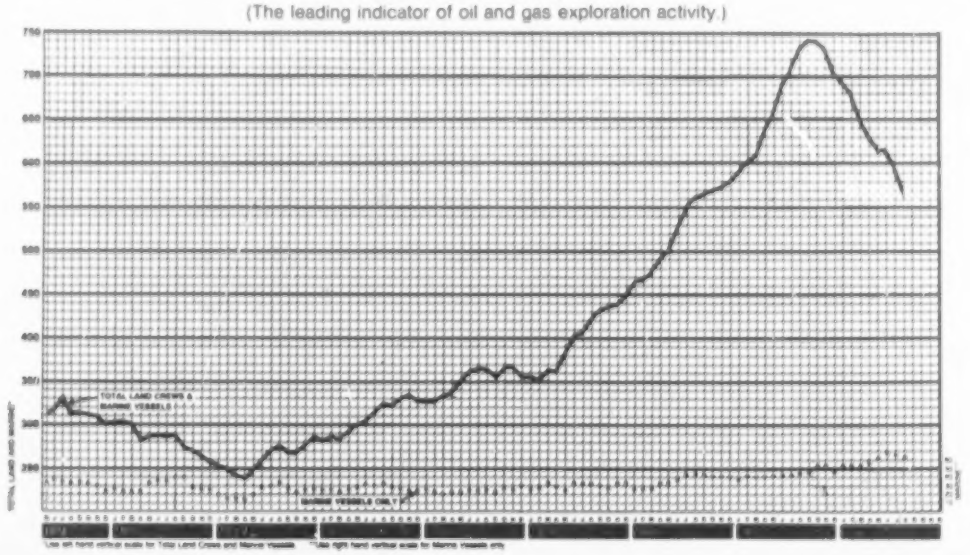

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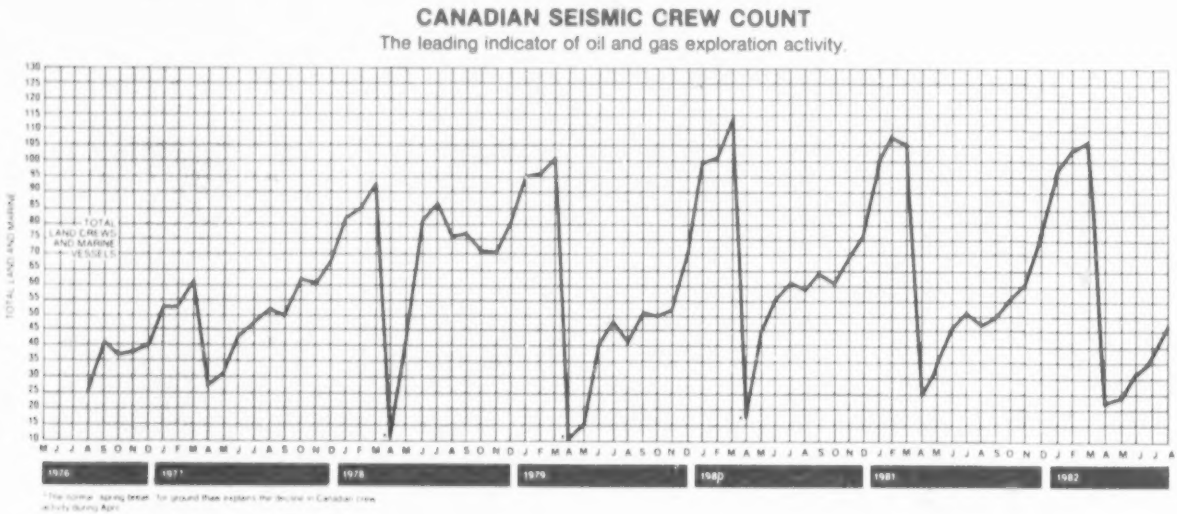
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

August, 1982 (July figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
20 Contractors:	36 (27)	7 (5)
3 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	40 (31)	7 (5)



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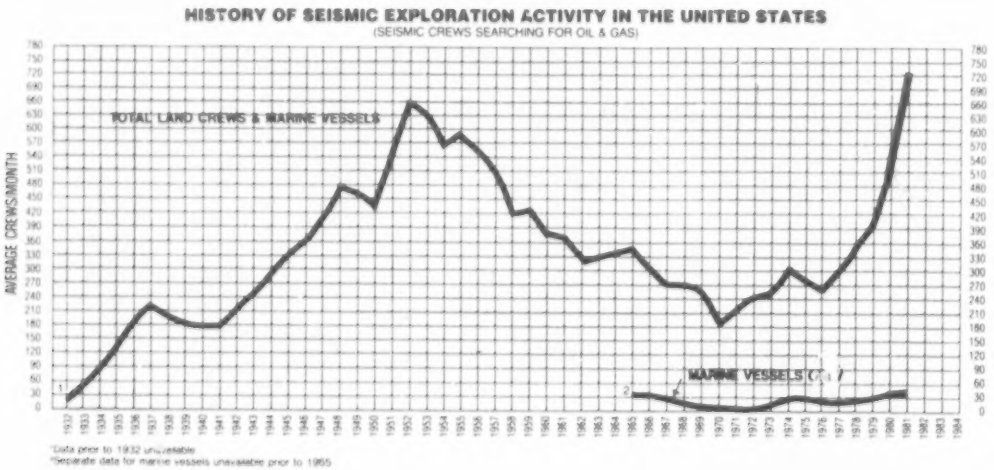
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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of September, 1982)

The total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during September declined by twenty-seven from the August total. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists' latest monthly report, the September total was 535, compared with 562 the preceding month.

The September total (535) represents a decrease of 5% from last month, a 28% decrease from September, 1981, a 6% decrease over September, 1980, a 24% increase over September, 1979, a 51% increase over September, 1978, a 67% increase over September, 1977, and a gain of 100% over the same month in 1976.

During September, eleven contractors were operating twenty-eight of their 434 land crews and eight of their fifty vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Sept'81	Sept'80	Sept'79	Sept'78	Sept'77	Sept'76
	535	562	744	567	433	354	320	268

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Sep. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1978	Sep. 1977	Sep. 1976	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Sep. 1981	Sep. 1980	Sep. 1979	Sep. 1978	Sep. 1977	Sep. 1976
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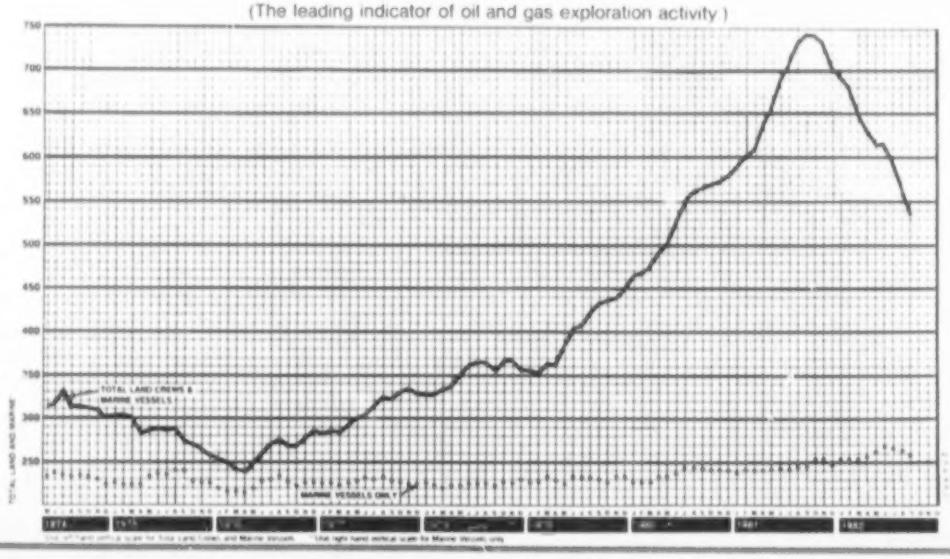

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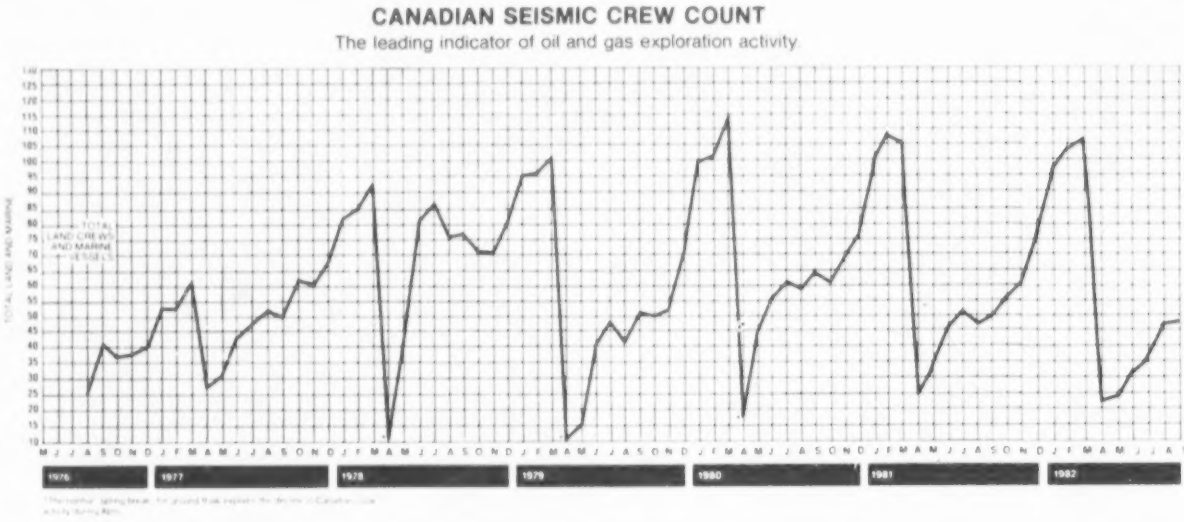
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

September, 1982 (August figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
22 Contractors:	35 (36)	7 (7)
3 Oil Companies:	4 (4)	0 (0)
Totals:	39 (40)	7 (7)



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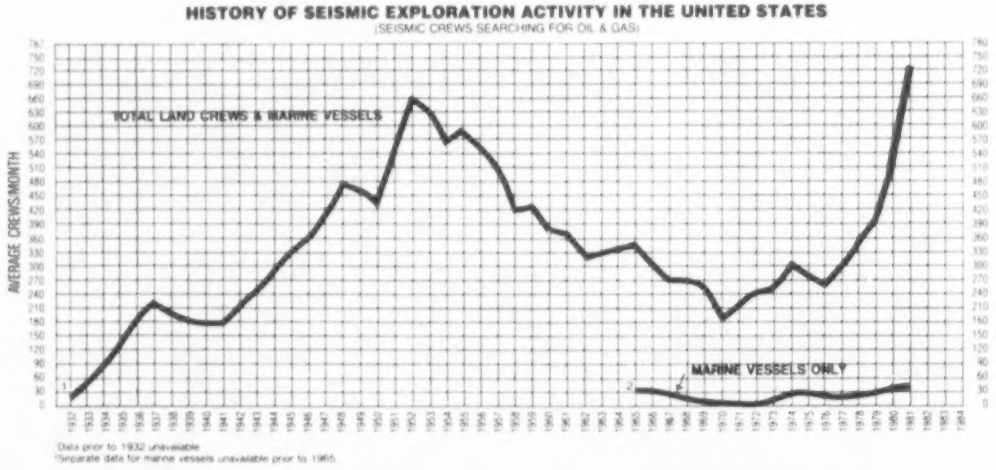
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